

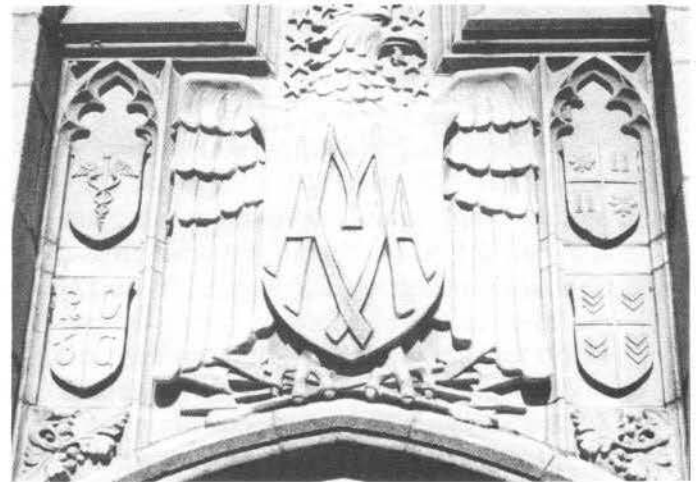


Search for veterans continues

Reunion plans progress

Plans are progressing for the 1996 AMA Reunion, scheduled for May 16-18 in Staunton, honoring cadets who wore our country's uniform during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Desert Storm, and other actions where American armed forces were in harm's way.

Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, has announced that registration forms for the reunion will appear in the March issue of *The Bayonet*, together with information on how to reserve sleeping rooms at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center.



The AMA Shield above the gymnasium entrance

Still looking for veterans

The search continues for AMA alumni who served during our nation's conflicts since World War II. An Honor Roll of names appeared in the November 1995 *Bayonet*, and additions and corrections have been coming in since. "*The fellows who served in these post World War II actions did not come home to brass bands and ticker tape parades,*" said Nicholson. "*It is high time we gave them the honors they so richly deserve.*" An updated version of the Honor Roll will appear in the March issue of *The Bayonet*.

The Classes of 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, and 1976 also will be honored at the May gathering, according to Nicholson.

Honor Roll additions and corrections

The following names have been added to the Honor Roll, or corrections to the previous listing have been made:

KOREAN WAR SERVICE: Cohoon, Colonel Thomas, '46 - USA; Dutton, Dick, '47 - USAF; Moran, Kenneth, '50 - USA; Paxton, Bill, '50 - USAF; Riddle, Don Lloyd, '52 - USA; Trinkle, Lee, '53 - USA;

VIETNAM WAR SERVICE: Blake, Tom, '62 - USA; Canevet, John, '63 - USA; Creasy, Alan W., '64 - USA; DUTTON, Dick, '47 - USAF (POW); Kinnie, Irvin Gray, '49 - USA; O'Kernick, Bill, '67 - USA;

DESERT STORM SERVICE: Blake, Tom, '62 - USA; Livick, Todd, '81 - USA; Nicholson, Major Larry, '75 - USA; Pope, Kirk, '76 - USA

Cadets and friends are urged to send *The Bayonet* names of any AMA alumnus who should be on our Honor Roll. Submit information to **Bob Bradford, '50**, 1325 Virginia Street, Danville, CA 94526. FAX: 510/838-0928. e-mail: reb111270@aol.com. Next *Bayonet* goes to press March 10! In order to be listed in that issue and at the May Reunion, names must be received by the March 10 date.

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AMA Legacy
Scholarship
applications
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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

January 1996



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

On page 9 of this issue, you will find the announcement that applications are now being accepted for the 1996 AMA Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is open to the children and grandchildren of AMA alumni. The details and qualifications are explained in the page 9 story.

When the AMA Alumni Association established this scholarship, it was with the idea that this was the best way to perpetuate Augusta's heritage and its academic prowess. By singling out the offspring or grand-offspring of a former cadet, we give both father and child the opportunity to appreciate what AMA stood for, and how it shaped the lives of us all.

We are hoping to receive many applications. If you don't have someone in your family who is eligible for the scholarship award, perhaps you know a former cadet who does. Please pass the word that it is time for us to receive applications for the 1996 AMA Legacy Scholarship grant.

If you are thinking of a way to honor someone in your life, living or dead, consider making a *tax deductible* contribution to the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, or to the VMI Scholarship Fund. In this way, you can assure that AMA will be remembered long after you are gone - remembered and honored by some bright boy or girl who was able to attend a post secondary school because of you.

K. Gary Nicholson, '70

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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The *Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for or about AMA alumni. Share the news of promotions, awards, retirement, births, marriages, deaths, etc. Please print or type your submission.

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Letters to the editor

Brightens my day

The September and November issues of *The Bayonet* were terrific! Be assured that *The Bayonet* brightens my day when it arrives.

I read it from cover to cover... I'm sure it means as much to many others as it does to me.

James "Buddy" McCausland, '39, Lynchburg, VA

Lots of memories

My Dad, **Charles Hull, Sr, '33**, passed on to me his most recent *Bayonet*. It brought back lots of memories...

I was very sorry to hear that the school was sold. I had hoped to send my son to AMA some day.

Please put me on the AMA mailing list for future issues of *The Bayonet*.

Charles M. Hull, Jr., '67, Simi Valley, CA

Corrections

Maybe there was something in the water...

The last *Bayonet* had a few errors which need to be corrected. First, I know that **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, is the Alumni Association Secretary, not the Treasurer (pg. 14); that the AMA Reunion will be held May 16-18, not October 16-18 (pg. 9); and I really do know how to spell "kitchen" (pg. 3).

The mistake I most regret was in **Hap Starr's** nice article on **Colonel Deane**. The last sentence of the story contained the wrong word, changing the entire complexion of Hap's good work. That last sentence should have read, "*But to me, Herbert Dabney Deane was absolutely the best teacher I ever had, and was, in these days when it no longer seems fashionable, a man's man.*" (Emphasis added)

- The Editor

Class Notes \ Class Notes \ Class Notes

1926

M.H. Bowen retired from farming ten years ago. M.H. is the oldest living ~~Ad~~ *Astra*, having been selected for the AMA honor society in the second year of its existence. He lives in Bland in Southwest Virginia, and has five children, fourteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

1930

Rear Admiral Joe Yon lives in Portsmouth, VA. After a year at VMI, Joe went to UVa where he received his MD degree in 1937. He entered the Medical Corps of the Navy the next year. Admiral Yon retired in 1972, and became involved in several medical and civic projects in Portsmouth. Joe recalls that he was "medical officer on the USS Pecos in Manila Bay on December 7, 1941... and was eventually sunk south of Java on 30 March 1942."

Jack Woods is still going strong at age 84. Since 1962, he has represented the USAA insurance company in Nevada. "It's a fine job!" says Jack.

1932

Captain Ben Chiswell, U.S. Coast Guard, retired, has a son who also is a captain in the Coast Guard, and who, like Ben, is retiring after 30 years of service. Ben lives in San Marcos, in Southern California.

1935

Julian Quarles has decided to retire after more than half a century of law practice in Miami. He plans to spend more time on his 20-foot sailboat, which he keeps anchored at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Julian spent two weeks last autumn in Augusta County "enjoying the nice, cool weather and all the beautiful fall leaves."

1938

Captain Larry Kurtz, U.S. Navy, retired, had a very busy hurricane season in Punta Gorda, FL. He worked with Emergency Management as a huge number of storms threatened the East coast. Larry is

also collaborating on a Korean War history for the U.S. Naval Institute.

1939

Mickey Gordon visited **Mel Alper**, '39, in Bermuda over the Holidays.

1940

Herb Richey and Martha live in Hot Springs, VA. Herb recently retired from the boards of Oglebay-Norton and Sifco Industries.



Admiral Joe Yon, '30

1942

John Minor and Marie were on St. Thomas just before the hurricane struck last Fall. That storm did lots of damage to the home of **Hap Starr**, '51, and Mary Ann.

1943

John Jansing continues to enjoy Hobe Sound, FL in the winter, and Northern Michigan in summer. Daughter Caroline gave John his first grandchild on 1 September. John says he sees **Tom Stanley**, '43 often.

Charles Oakey has retired and lives in Roanoke.

Bill Stuart and Patricia live in Silver Spring, MD, where they enjoy their eight grandchildren.

Norris Harrison has five grandkids. He lives in Chestertown, MD.

1945

Ray Long reports that his wife, Nancy, will have her 50th high school reunion in Norfolk this year, and he will have his 45th reunion at the University of Virginia.

Donald Browne and Carolyn expect to move into their new house in Maryville, TN in March. They have been living in Ridgeley, WV, and are moving to Tennessee to be closer to their daughter. Son Don, Jr., now stationed at the Pentagon, will attend the War College in the fall.

Jack Stanley retired from Blue Ridge Transfer Company after 44 years. He and Susan live in Roanoke. He has three children - Lee, Harriet, and John, and four grandchildren.

1946

Charles "Buck" Collinge and Lois have been happily married for 49 years. Buck retired eight years ago from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and lives in Bethesda, MD. They spend six months a year in Winter Haven, FL, where they play as much golf as possible.

George Snarr, a lawyer in Winchester, plans to retire this year. He has seven grandchildren, and plans to play "as much golf as possible after retiring."

David Brewer has relocated to Pawley's Island, SC. He says he is "enjoying semi-retirement and lots of golf. We've made lots of new friends... very refreshing!"

Tom Cohoon and his wife, Bee, now live in Suffolk, where they were childhood sweethearts. Tom reports that he had an appointment to West Point in 1946, but did not pass the required physical. His father wanted him to attend VMI, but Tom enlisted in the Army as an infantry private. After service in Korea and Vietnam, he re-

tired in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel, giving all credit for his success to Augusta.

1947

Colonel Harley Hope, USAF, retired, served 22 years as a dentist. After directing the dental hygiene program at St. Petersburg Junior College for five years, he has been in private practice two-and-a-half days a week in Tampa. He will retire fully this year, and enjoy time with Jean to whom he has been married 43 years. Harley would like to purchase a 1947 *Recall*.

1948

Dr. Edward Leventen and Ruth took two bike trips in Europe in 1995 - ten days in Ireland, and later, ten days in France. They have twin granddaughters and a grandson. Dr. and Mrs. Leventen make their home in Encino, CA.

Clarke Cooper retired in 1994 from the architectural firm Walton/Madden/Cooper. He lives with his wife, Shirley, in Alexandria, VA.

1949

Bill Dickinson was administrator of Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA until he and wife Nancy retired to Carlisle, PA. Bill was in Vietnam for two tours (25th Infantry and MACV), and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Gray Kinnie writes that it is "nice to see the names of old friends in *The Bayonet*... **John Morris, Ed Click, Jim Bob Lane, Clyde Ramsey, Les Fifer, and Jim Pigg**." Gray retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, then had a second career at IBM before retiring to Hilton Head Island.

Dr. John Morris retired on December 31 from the English Department at Washington University, after 33 years. John has sold his house in St. Louis, and has bought a home in Fearrington, NC, near Chapel Hill. John and Anne will divide their time between Fearrington and their farm in Eagle Springs, NC. They spent three weeks in England in '95, and visited

the Mayan ruins at Uxmal in the Yucatan.

Louis Philhower lives in Macon, GA, and spent a month in the North Carolina mountains late last summer. He says he is "involved in community activities, PTA, the church, children and grandchildren... and I'm still looking for some AMA alumni to get off I-75 and come to visit us."

Frank Spencer and Ida now have six grandchildren. They live in Charlottesville. Frank retired from the Air Force, then from Virginia Power. He is on the AMA Alumni Association board.



Hal Walters, '48, writes from Fort Worth, FL that "some say I made the pool too big when I moved to Florida!"

Thorne McLoney retired the last day of 1995 from his electrical wholesale business, which he has owned for 42 years. "Now, I will be an electrical inspector until I just can't go anymore!" Thorne lives in Cynthiana, KY.

Lewis Barnes owns three textile companies with annual sales of more than \$5 million. Lewie lives in Collinsville, VA and has "two children, two stepchildren, two grandchildren, and one wife!"

1950

The Reverend James Lupton is Dean of Convocation for the Southeast Arkansas Episcopal Diocese, and is currently President of the Stuttgart, AR Ministerial Association.

Ben L. Angle is in the real estate and insurance business in Rocky Mount, VA. He and wife, Chris, dated while Ben was at AMA, and later at VMI, where he was named to the VMI Hall of Fame for Track in 1977. Both their daughters are airline flight attendants.

Jack Russell says that he and Nor plan to attend either the May AMA Reunion in Staunton, or the October Ad Astra reunion in Lexington.

Bob Bradford has again been elected Chairman of the National Easter Seal Society, a post he also held from 1992 through 1994.

1951

Hap Starr writes to express his thanks for all the good wishes he and Mary Ann have received from AMA friends since their home in the Virgin Islands was heavily damaged by a hurricane. "**Lee Webb, Sid Taylor, John Core, Jim Starnes, Bill Harris, Ed Click, Bob Bradford and Al Wattay** all let me know they were thinking about us."

1952

Jacobo Goldstein became a grandfather last March when daughter Vicky gave birth to Marie Claire. Jacobo is the Washington Bureau Chief for *La Tribuna*, a newspaper in Honduras.

Duncan Wong reports that he has seen **Jacobo Goldstein** on CNN several times, reporting on Washington news that affects Central and South America. Duncan lives in Panama.

1953

Al Wattay and Diane got together a Christmas package for **Hap Starr, '51** and Mary Ann. The Starrs, who live on Water Island, St. Thomas, lost most of their roof to a hurricane last fall.

Lewis Muddin has done research on the AMA cadets who were killed in action in World War II. Using the Library of Virginia in Richmond, Lew

was able to get some vital information on some of the fellows whose military records are missing. **Harry Campbell, '70**, will use this new information to undertake a new search of Pentagon records. Thank you, Lew!

Bob Lowenbach is "enjoying retirement, travelling, woodworking, and golfing" in Leesburg, VA.

Lee Trinkle is raising two teenage daughters, and helping with four grandchildren in Birmingham. He's a part-time computer consultant, manages a large farm in Virginia (near Roanoke), and does financial consulting with charities. Lee hopes to have hiked the entire Appalachian Trail by the year 2000.

1954

Manley Caldwell is an attorney in Palm Beach, FL. He says his "life has become comfortably routine."

Ken Hoke will retire early this year and will move to Elon College, NC to be close to his family. For the last eight years, he has lived in Dover Foxcroft, ME, where he was Director of Information Systems at Guilford of Maine (textiles).

1955

Bill Johnson reports that daughter Martha Margaret graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UNC at Chapel Hill, and has applied for med school. Stepson Gil Cutchin runs a hunting preserve in Jackson, NC. Daughter Louise is with her husband at Fort Benning. Bill and Margaret Louise now have three grandkids.

Jack Meier joined Brown Printing Company in Franklin, KY, and now lives in nearby Bowling Green. Jack is Director of Customer Service for his company, which prints catalogs and newspaper inserts for Macys, J.C. Penney, and other major retailers.

Roy Pope reports the sad news that his wife, Doreen, passed away 28 May 1995. Please accept our sincere sympathy, Roy. Roy will retire in April, and will spend time with his five grandchildren in Bridgewater, VA.

1956

Elgin Nininger and Betty Lou, married 34 years, have run Shady Lane Seafood, Inc. in Colonial Beach, VA for the last 30 years. Son Dean is also in the business. Son Scott is Vice President of King George State Bank. Elgin and Betty Lou have two granddaughters, and expect another grandchild this February.

1957

Al Krise is enjoying retirement in Norfolk with his wife, Sandy, and their three grandchildren.

Jim Hume visited with his family in Harrisonburg over the holidays. Jim is a teacher and track coach in San Mateo, CA. Last August, he was in England as manager of the women's USA track team, which performed very well indeed.



Hugh Harmon, '58, is now Executive Director of the Bethany/Fenwick Chamber of Commerce, and has moved from Leesburg to Fenwick Island, Delaware. Hugh says he bought a Piper Comanche a few years ago "when I didn't even know how to start the engine. Now, after a forced landing and a crash, I think I'm getting the hang of it!"

John Biggs still lives in the same house in Tazewell, VA that he lived in when he attended AMA. John is Vice President and Branch Manager for the Richmond-based brokerage firm Scott and Stringfellow. He ran the 24-hour race at Daytona, and the 12-hour race in Sebring in 1995 in his Porsche. He

and Carol have been married for 33 years, and have two sons.

1958

Ed Trout has retired as Historian for the National Parks Service. Just before he retired, Ed wrote a book: *Historic Buildings of the Smokies*, the first authoritative text covering more than 70 buildings in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Ed lives in Pigeon Forge, TN. We were sorry to hear that his wife, Debra, passed away in August of 1994.

1960

Bernie Westbrook writes from Crozet, VA that he served in the Air Force 1962-66, and was stationed at Warner Robins AFB in Georgia. He graduated from William and Mary, and was a founder of the Queen's Guard, a fancy drill outfit at W&M.

1961

John McEwan, II, an attorney in Orlando, sent *The Bayonet* a newspaper article concerning the death of **Neil MacIver, '61**, in Vietnam. MacIver was killed in an ambush on 29 May 1963, making him one of the first Americans, and, as far as we can

tell, the only Augusta Military Academy alumnus to die in the Vietnam War. Thank you very much for your interest, John.

Jim Crawford is Director at Reliance Comm/Tec, a telecommunications company in Atlanta. Jim and his wife Betty have four children.

Steve Speciale is General Manager of the Ocoee Regional Industrial Complex in Cleveland, TN. He and his wife Ellyn have three children - Steve, Ben, and Joe.

1962

Tom Blake is a GS-11 Training Specialist at Fort Eustis, VA. He and Emmie were married in 1966 (the day after Tom got out of the Army). He was in Vietnam in 1964, and now is in the Virginia National Guard. The Blakes live in Newport News. They have two children - Bill, who is 27, and John, age 16.

Tom Stillwagon has had his first grandchild - Kelly - daughter of his oldest son, Jeff. Tom is Key Account Salesman for Champion Products and has Notre Dame, Purdue, and Indiana University as clients. Tom and his family live in Englewood, OH.

Carl Riedell reports from Osterville, MA that daughter Laura graduated from Elon College, and now works with an orthopaedic surgeon. Son Guy is attending Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO.

1963

John Canevet is Forward Model Quality Supervisor for Ford Motor's Villager vehicle program. John lives in Grosse Ile, MI with his wife, Joanne, and two daughters, one of whom is an engineering freshman at the University of Michigan. A West Pointer, John was a platoon leader and B-troop commander in Vietnam. (Many will remember that John's mother, Mollie, was AMA school nurse from 1956 until the school closed.)

Wayne Higgins retired from the academic life in 1992, after having been injured in an accidental shoot-

ing. Wayne had been Vice President at Brooks College in Long Beach, CA, Lamar University in Beaumont, TX, and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, where he makes his home.

1964

Dorsey Thompson has moved from California to Kennewick, WA, where he works for Raytheon on a nuclear waste facility. In the Spring of '96, that project will be completed, and Dorsey and Judy likely will move again. Son Louis is out of the Army. Dorsey says he looks forward to ten or fifteen more years of work before he retires.

1967

Jim Christy lives in Oakland, CA, where he is a technician in the telecommunications field. After AMA, Jim went to Creighton University, was a musician for a time, and has been in telecommunications for the past 15 years. Jim's still single.

Jeff Schroeder writes from Deland, FL that he will attend the 30th reunion for the Class of 1967 next year.

Alan Poole is a fire fighter in Minot, ND. *"Winter weather is when our worst fires occur and the elements make it an even harder job..."* Alan was in the Air Force during Vietnam. Alan, Jr. served in Desert Storm, and is now based at Osan Air Base in South Korea.

Charles Hull lives in Simi Valley, CA, where he works with computers, setting up LANs and WANs. Charles has been married fifteen years, and has a five-year-old son. He was a Marine and served in Vietnam. Hobbies: his family, computers, woodworking, camping, and motorcycles.

Jeffrey Deyong runs Deyong's Saddlery and Western Wear in Newport News. Son Adam is a junior at Florida State, and daughter Samantha is a freshman at Virginia Tech.

John Rock has been in outside sales of industrial hardware and chemicals for the past five years. He lives in Citrus Heights, CA with his new wife, Janice. They were married last July.

Harvey Bowers, '69, scales Mt. McKinley

This past summer, **Harvey Bowers, '69**, and a band of hardy mountain climbers, conquered the 20,320-foot summit of Mount McKinley, the highest point in North America. Braving 20 below zero temperatures in violent snow storms at oxygen depleted altitudes, Harvey reached the awesome summit at 3 PM on 26 June.

Harvey and his wife, Sandy, live in Wasilla, Alaska. They skied and took long hikes in the Grand Canyon to prepare for the assault on Mount McKinley in the Denali National Park. *"I have been planning this ever since I was in college,"* Bowers said. *"But I never had the time or the money to do it."*

For years, Harvey and Sandy divided their time between running the Alaskan Agate Bed and Breakfast in Wasilla and making excursions up local mountains. At age 45, Bowers dove into aerobic workouts and hiking trips with 75-pound water bottles on his back.

On June 10, Harvey and his group flew to the Kahiltna Glacier base camp at 7,000 feet. He had never climbed above 13,000 feet before, and didn't know how he'd react to the higher altitudes he faced.

The three-week trek stalled 3,000 feet from the top when Bowers and his party were trapped five days by horrid weather. (Three other climbers also were trapped at 19,400 feet, and one of them died).

The snow continued to fall and the *"wind sounded like a freight train."* They drank melted snow and ate beef jerky, plus grits, which nobody liked.

At 3 PM on 26 June, they finally reached the summit of Mount McKinley. Wind burned and exhausted, Bowers crested the continent's highest mountain at 20 below zero.

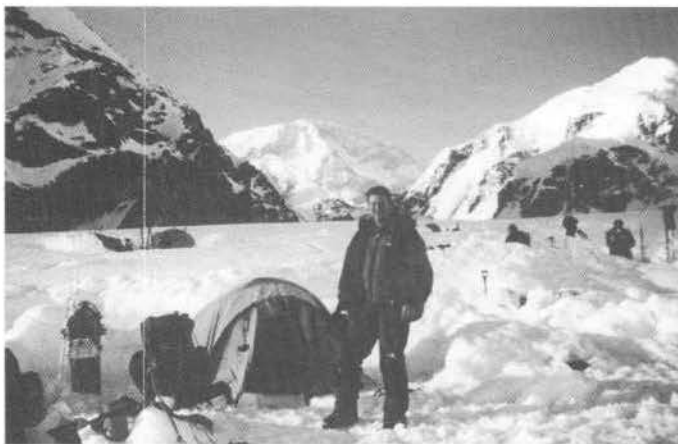
Then, the climb down began, by a different route, to Wonder Lake, which they reached on 2 July. *"I'm glad I did it,"* said Bowers, who has 26 rolls of photos to help him remember his fantastic Alpine adventure.



Harvey Bowers at the 20,320 foot summit of Mount McKinley (Mount Denali) on 26 June, 1995.



Harvey's team approaches the summit.



Harvey at Denali Camp #2 at 8,000 feet with Mount McKinley in the background, some 15 miles away.

1968

Steve Rhatigan is in the estate and financial planning business in the Houston area. He specializes in working with families with a disabled family member, usually a child. Steve is President of the Mental Health Association of Houston and Harris County. Steve moved to Texas in 1972, married a Texas girl, and has "two Texas kids - Sarah, 13, and Sean, 11). We also have a ranch with horses and cattle, so I guess I am a Texan... though I gave up snuff five years ago!"

1969

Pete Orndorff is with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Pete lives in Woodbridge, VA. Pete's new e-mail address: pjol@ix.netcom.com.

John Henderson reports from Sneads Ferry, NC that daughter Elizabeth is completing her senior year at UNC Wilmington, majoring in journalism and communications. She spent two weeks this past summer with ABC in New York. She will work with the Channel 3 news team in Wilmington this coming summer to complete her field work experience requirement.

Frank Roach and Mary Reid have two daughters, Martha Laird, 14, and Alice Keeling, 10. Since 1976, Frank has been Vice President of Ferguson Enterprises. The Roaches live in Richmond.

Bill Leustig owns a training and consulting company in Southern California. Anne and Bill have just moved to Glendale.

1970

Lieutenant Colonel Steve Trent says "...it is difficult to leave the Army... it's great being a soldier, even in the hard times... but I am going to retire in the Summer of 1996." Steve is with Forces Command, Training and Doctrine Command, The Pentagon. Daughter Rebecca is a freshman at Radford University, and son Adam is in the 10th grade in Alexandria. Steve's wife, Gerri, teaches school at Hollin Meadows Elementary.

Ron Ginns gives us the very sad news that his wife, Melinda, 39, passed away 3 November 1995 after a massive stroke. We are thinking about you, Ron. Ron's address: 253 E. Market Street, West Chester, PA 19380. Phone 215/692-9793.

Lee Hall is missing! The Alumni Association's last known address for Lee was Tangier, Morocco. **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, says that he has been looking for Lee for many years. Can anyone help us locate him?

Jorge Rovirosa's oldest daughter, Carolina, has been accepted for the fall of '96 at the Maryland Institute of Art in Baltimore, and Jorge hopes that **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, "can keep an eye on Carolina." Jorge is co-chair of a joint venture by the four major stevedoring companies in Miami at the new state-of-the-art container terminal at the port.

1972

Don Malnati reports that he has completed an addition to his home in Kensington, MD. Don and his wife, Ragnhild, are taking Italian lessons preparatory to a one-month trip to Italy in 1996.

1973

Ray Kellogg owns C. Ray Kellogg Company and Central Water Systems in Smithfield, VA. He and his wife, Nonie, have one daughter - Celeste.

1975

Major Larry Nicholson has returned from his tour as UN Observer in Palestine. He is now stationed at Camp LaJeune. Address: 2710 Seth Williams Boulevard, Camp LaJeune, NC 28547. Phone 910/577-4364.

1976

Kirk Pope e-mails from Okinawa, where he is stationed with the 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne). Kirk has been in the Army 18 years, and in Special Forces for 10 years. He hopes to get back for this year's reunion - the 20th for his class. You can send Kirk an e-mail at: popekj@NS.OON.OR.JP.

1977

Shawn "Ogi" Ogimachi says that his wife, Tonie, has left McGraw-Hill to take a bilingual teaching position at an elementary school in Santa Cruz, CA. Ogi is a systems analyst and computer whiz at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

1978

Eric Trivitayakhun is now President and owner of Dynamics Research Corporation in Thailand. Eric's company has installed 17 radio and three TV stations under contract to the Royal Thai government. Eric says to tell everyone stateside that he is "*still very much single!*"

1979

Carlos Guevara runs an export-import company in Miami, doing business in both Central and South America.

1981

Captain Todd Livick, US Army, has returned from a tour in Germany, and now is stationed at Fort Bragg. Todd is Team Commander with the 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, XVIII Airborne Corps. Todd and Andrea have a son, Stephen, and a daughter, Taylor.

Steve Fain is now living in Roanoke and is taking international business

courses there. Steve relates his story of falling asleep at the wheel and crashing into a utility pole. "*I lost my left kidney and spleen... I (also) lost the summer quarter... (and) when my doctors told me I could go back in the fall, I knew that Augusta had instilled in me, 'You can!'*"

1983

Wayne Kreson is attending a community college near his home in Mendon, MA. Wayne spent ten years in the Navy after graduating from AMA, with most of his time spent on the *USS Eisenhower*. Wayne is the "*last Ad Astra*" from the last full academic year at AMA.

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Thomas Jefferson Hughes, '30

5 December 1995, at home, Roanoke, VA, of lung cancer, age 84. *Ad Astra*; Retired radio and television performer. Roanoke College, Emory & Henry, University of Virginia; US Army Medical Corps, World War II; went to New York to become an actor; returned to Roanoke to WSLs Radio, then helped open WSLs-TV in 1952; producer, announcer, writer, performer; created "Uncle Looney" character who hosted cartoon program; hosted "Tom's Foolery"; charter member, Covenant Presbyterian Church. Survived by his wife, Myrtle Lee; a son, Thomas Jefferson Hughes III; a daughter, Susan Hughes-Butler; three stepchildren, and one grandson.

Augusta Memories...

Posing outside The Fort are Roger Messick, '52, the late Colonel Chuck Savedge, and the late Paul Long, '50. Does anyone know where Roger Messick is these days?



AMA Legacy Scholarship applications available

The President of the AMA Alumni Association, **Gary Nicholson, '70**, has announced that the children and grandchildren of AMA alumni may now apply for the \$1,000 AMA Legacy Scholarship for 1996.

This scholarship is granted annually to support directly the post secondary education for the children and grandchildren of former AMA cadets. One scholarship is awarded each year to a high school senior or high school graduate planning, for the first time, to enter college, or a recognized technical/vocational school beyond the high school level.

Nicholson said that "child" and "grandchild" include a natural, step, or legally adopted child or grandchild under the age of 25.

Applications may be obtained by writing Gary Nicholson, 11971 Lexington Drive, Dunkirk, MD 20754-9263. Completed applications must be returned by April 1, 1996 to the return address on the application. The 1996 Scholarship winner will be announced at the AMA Alumni Association Reunion in May.

The winner of the 1995 AMA Legacy Scholarship was Michael Richard Yerkey, son of **Robert Yerkey, '61**.

Michael Yerkey expresses thanks for AMA Scholarship

Michael Richard Yerkey, son of Robert Yerkey, '61, received the AMA Legacy Scholarship for 1995. The following is a letter from Michael to the AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

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Gentlemen:

My name is Michael Richard Yerkey. I am a cadet at Norwich University, the Military College of Vermont. I am writing to inform you of the impact my winning the AMA Legacy Scholarship has made on my life as a cadet and a student. The scholarship has been greatly appreciated and very useful.

This scholarship was one of the deciding factors in whether or not I would attend Norwich; it has, in fact, given me that opportunity along with the financial security necessary to make my education both enjoyable and a learning experience. It has allowed me to buy the materials needed for class, as well as giving me the opportunity to participate in student activities which require a fee.

The most important of these activities is Norwich's elite Ranger Platoon. Ranger Platoon is considered the varsity sport of Army ROTC. It offers book and field training in small unit combat tactics. It is said that what we learned in six months as a member of Ranger Platoon can carry a cadet through three years of ROTC classes.

I believe that I am successfully balancing my duties to the Corps of Cadets along with my academic responsibilities. For example, when mid-term grades were issued last October, I was holding a 3.3 out of an academic scale of 4.0. This was during



Michael Richard Yerkey

"Rookdom," which is similar to the "Rat" system at VMI. It is the period before the upperclassmen feel the Rooks have earned the right to call themselves cadets.

On Tuesday, November 21, 1995, the "Rook" class of 1995 was officially recognized; we became Cadet Privates at Norwich University! Recognition has taken many of the pressures of the Corps off my shoulders, allowing me to concentrate even more seriously on my academic studies.

Once again, thank you for awarding me this scholarship. It has allowed me to attend the university of my choice. It has also given me the opportunity to reach for the stars, as in *Ad Astra per Aspera*. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Michael Yerkey
Michael Yerkey
Norwich University

Alumni board meets March 9

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. Board of Directors will meet at 10 AM on Saturday, March 9 at the Ingleside Hotel Resort and Conference Center in Staunton.

Three times a year

The Board meets three times a year. Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, said that "every AMA alumnus is invited to attend this and every Board meeting."

Many alumni will arrive on Friday night. A hospitality room will be available Friday evening. Those needing rooms on Friday night should contact the Ingleside at 540/248-1201.

DID YOU KNOW

that only five percent of all AMA's known alumni gave financial support to the Alumni Association this past year? Some 100 former cadets contribute all the money that makes this newsletter, the locator project, and our scholarship funds possible. Are you in the 95 percent who have not contributed? See page 11 to learn how you can help.

Please contact Chaplain Bill Gray, '37, when you know of the death or serious illness of an AMA alumnus:

William Gray, Jr.
5111 - 8th Road, South, #107
Arlington, VA 22204-2817

SPOTLIGHT on BOB REISACHER

Bob Reisacher, '38, retired from the U.S. Army Engineers as a full colonel after as interesting a career as one could conceivably have.

Bob, who now lives in Santa Fe, NM with his wife, Tatiana, went to Carnegie Tech, Princeton, George Washington, and finally, in 1952, to the University of Edinburgh, Scotland on a Fulbright Fellowship.

He also went to all the requisite engineering schools in the Army, plus the Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, the Army War College, and the Army Aviation Schools. Lest you think that all he did was attend school, read on...

Sent to Guadalcanal

Bob's first assignment in World War II was to a truck battalion on Guadalcanal. Being the junior lieutenant in the battalion, Bob was called on to construct a mess hall and club facility. *"When the CO found out that I was a graduate architect, the job was mine,"* Bob says.

There was one problem: a row of coconut trees right where the building was to go, plus orders that not one tree could be cut. Bob designed the structure so the trees went through openings in the roof. *"Everyone thought that the effect was great,"* he remembers.

But when the mess hall had its official opening with all the brass present, a huge wind came up and coconuts began to fall on the roof with an explosive sound. *"Someone shouted 'Air Raid!', and everyone*



Bob Reisacher takes a break from raking leaves, at home in Santa Fe

hit the deck... It's funny now, but it wasn't funny to my CO then."

Taiwan, Korea and Vietnam

After Guadalcanal, Bob served on Tinian, then Alaska, and with a MAAG unit on Taiwan. He was with the Army Aviation Board at Fort Rucker before becoming battalion commander of the 7th Aviation Battalion in Korea.

After teaching history at West Point, Bob became exec of the 11th Aviation Group, 1st Cav, in Vietnam. Later, he was military assistant to the Undersecretary of the Army.

Back to civvies

When he retired, Bob went to Saudi Arabia where he managed desalinization operations. He helped to plan and build the Jeddah International Airport, and was the executive construction manager for the University of Riyadh. He joined CM, Inc., and CRSS of Houston as group vice president, and was put in charge of their construction projects in Tunisia, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia.

Bob is a Director of the New Mexico Architectural Foundation, and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

In trouble at AMA

Bob recalls that in 1934, his first year at AMA, he was charged with using profanity toward an upperclassman. *"I was dumbfounded... I didn't recall speaking to an upperclassman, let alone using profanity toward him, but I soon found out what I had done wrong..."*

Bob and the accusing cadet both appeared before **Major Jacobs**, the assistant commandant, where the upperclassman told Major Jacobs that Bob had called him a "Spic", which, since he was from a Spanish country, was profanity to him. In fact, Bob had done just what he was charged with, *"since everybody called him that, and I thought it was his nickname, being rather naive about such at the time..."*

Major Jacobs was unimpressed with Bob's explanation, and sentenced him to twelve hours raking leaves at **Colonel Roller's** residence. *"At this late time, I want to apologize to that cadet who reported me. To this day, every time I rake leaves at the old hacienda here in Santa Fe, I remember this story."*

Bob adds that it *"was amazing the great number of leaves one could rake in twelve hours, especially on Saturdays when everyone else had gone to Staunton."*

Remembers old friends

*"If I ever get back east, I must go see **George Neal, '38** (Gin, we called him), as well as seeing my first year's roommate **Bill Gray, '37**, who is now the AMA Chaplain,"* says Bob. (Ed's note: It was George Neal who suggested that *The Bayonet* put Bob in the SPOTLIGHT!)



At AMA, in 1936



On Guadalcanal in World War II

**Out of the
2,200+ names on
the Alumni mailing
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Dear Fellow Cadets:

My thanks to all of you who have responded so generously to the requests for funding for the general fund and the scholarship funds. You have sent more than \$3,700 since the 1995 reunion: \$1,890 for the Legacy, \$375 for VMI, and \$1,445 for the general fund. The scholarships are our treasured gifts, but the general fund is our lifeblood. It provides for the continuity of the Association, without which there would be no newsletters, no locator, and no structure to support the annual reunions. For those of us actively involved, these are all worthwhile.

The hundred or so who contribute each year must feel so, too. It costs about \$3.00 a year for each of the 2,200+ on the active mailing list to get the newsletter, and these 100 donors are the ones who make it all possible. It would be comforting to have sufficient funds invested to guarantee a return adequate to fund these activities, but it will take broader support than the five percent we currently enjoy to reach that goal. If you can help, please do. No contribution is too small. As Reverend Ike used to say, *"Don't send the rent money, and don't send the milk money. Send me what you've got left over!"*

Sincerely,

Ed

Edwin F. Click,
Treasurer

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Son, Son, Son! Why haven't you written?

Remember Tattoo on Sunday nights when you were supposed to mail a letter home? Well, we are looking for some mail from you now. Please tell us - and your classmates - what you're up to! Use extra paper if necessary. And please, print or type!

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